

HONORING MRS. DOROTHY
KATHERINE SPENCE BROWNING

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Dorothy K. Spence Browning for her service in the Navy WAVES during World War II.

Dorothy was born on January 2, 1922, in Great Falls, Montana. She grew up running an apple orchard with her family in Glenn's Ferry, Idaho. Later, she attended college at the University of Idaho and then began teaching in a one-room school house in Pocatello, Idaho.

When the war broke out, Dorothy joined the Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). The Navy WAVES were created in 1942, following the signing of the Women's Reserve Act. This landmark legislation allowed women to serve as an official part of the Navy for the first time and helped pave the way for the future of women in the United States Armed Forces. The numerous contributions from the WAVES proved to be a vital asset to winning the war.

Dorothy served in Brooklyn, New York, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Seattle, Washington, and then finally discharged at Klamath Falls, Oregon. While living in Oregon Dorothy met her husband John H. Browning. John was a young marine from Mobile, AL, who served two tours in Okinawa and Guadalcanal and later received a purple heart for the wounds he suffered.

The couple later moved to Montgomery, AL, where they went on to raise their three children Phillip, Steve, and Kathy. Dorothy was a tutor for several local elementary schools, taught Sunday school at Perry Hill United Methodist Church, and would sew and craft Raggedy Ann dolls that she would donate to the church bazaar and local charities in Montgomery.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Mrs. Browning's legacy and her service to our nation. Her contributions to secure and maintain our freedom will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 579; Nay on Roll Call No. 580; YEA on Roll Call No. 581; YEA on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; and YEA on Roll Call No. 584.

CELEBRATING THE REVIVAL OF
THE REX THEATRE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the re-opening of the Rex The-

atre in Manchester, New Hampshire. After 30 years of inactivity, the Rex will re-open its doors to Manchester and the rest of the Granite State.

Opened in 1940, the Rex Theatre served as a performance venue until it closed in 1989. In early 2019, after 30 years, the Manchester Development Corporation and Palace Theatre Trust, in collaboration with the City of Manchester, embarked on the tall task of renovating the original location of the Rex with the goal of re-opening in the fall. Only nine months after groundbreaking, the Rex is now re-opening on time and on budget.

The re-opening of the Rex will continue Manchester's recent growth as a center for innovation and creativity. As a lifelong Manchester resident, I am excited to see the return of this historic Theatre. Venues like the Rex Theatre help us showcase the many creative, passionate, and talented people who call New Hampshire home. I am proud to see investment in our local economy and in the arts in the Granite State through projects such as the revival of the Rex.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Manchester Development Corporation and the Palace Theatre Trust on a successful renovation of the Rex Theatre. Let us celebrate the revival of this historic theater and those who work hard every day to make New Hampshire such a wonderful place to live, learn, and enjoy the arts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOUNDING OF KING GEORGE COUNTY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 300th Anniversary of the founding of King George County in Virginia, taking place on November 15, 2019.

The area we know as King George has a long and storied history that is integral to the overall history and development of America's government and way of life as we know it today. Its history stretches back over 10,000 years with its settlement by Native Americans, through Captain John Smith's explorations in the early 1600's, through the French and Indian Wars, Bacon's Rebellion, the Whiskey Rebellion, the American Revolution, the Civil War, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II and into the modern era. King George has been the birthplace and childhood home of Presidents, and home to some of the very founders of our great Nation.

King George County has served as the home of one of the country's great military and research development centers for over 100 years, as well as functioned as a focal point for commerce and trade for our nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the founding of King George County. Words cannot express how grateful we are to have a place with such history in the founding of our great Nation. May God bless King George County and its residents, and continue to prosper for another 300 years.

CONGRATULATING HUGH HALPERN

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Hollidaysburg native, Hugh Halpern, on his appointment to be the Director of the Government Publishing Office.

Mr. Halpern previously served as the Director of Floor Operations in the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and spent more than 30 years in the House before retiring in January of this year. During his tenure, he served as the Staff Director of the powerful House Rules Committee among other committee roles.

Throughout his career in Congress, Mr. Halpern was dedicated to working in a bipartisan manner, garnering the support and respect of House leadership, Members of Congress, and their staff. In recognition of his many achievements, he received the McCormack Award of Excellence for Congressional Employees.

Mr. Halpern has dedicated his life of service to our country, and I am confident that he will continue his outstanding work at the Government Publishing Office. There is no one better to fill this position, and I wish him the best of luck as he commences this new chapter.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF ORANGE COUNTY ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PROGRAM

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in observation of Energy Awareness Month to honor the work of the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) Energy & Environmental Services Program.

CAP OC has been weatherizing homes and providing utility assistance for Orange County residents for more than 40 years.

Of the energy funds allocated between 2014 and 2018 to the 34 cities in Orange County, CAP OC has invested more than 35 percent into California's 46th Congressional District, which includes portions of Anaheim, Orange, Garden Grove and Santa Ana. Among those served in CA-46 by CAP OC were 6,659 disabled persons, 9,677 seniors, and 3,504 children under the age of 5.

During this same period, CAP OC issued more than \$5 million in utility assistance for over 14,000 homes in the 46th District and underwrote over \$1.5 million in weatherization services with improvements to 1,000 dwellings.

This investment has provided an economic boost for low-income individuals by lowering energy costs and reducing or eliminating late fees, thus assuring less dependency on public assistance.

In 2019, CAP OC is projected to weatherize a total of 330 homes in Orange County and invest a total of \$1.8 million into services that reduce energy costs by 30 percent on average

and save families at least \$238 per year. This will help families to afford other necessities such as groceries and doctor bills.

Other benefits of these services include the elimination of carbon emissions, stimulation of local economies, job creation, improvements to the overall health of the community, and neighborhood stabilization.

By sharing these statistics and benefits through an October 30th Orange County Weatherization Day Celebration, CAP OC is working to inform more constituents of its important services.

Please join me in honoring the critical work being done by the CAP OC Energy & Environmental Services Program to help those in need, to improve our communities, and to protect the planet.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARIO DE FRANCESCO, JR.

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Mr. COX to honor and pay tribute to the life of Mr. Mario De Francesco, Jr., who passed away on October 14, 2019. Mario was a successful Fresno County Farmer and beloved member of his community. His presence will be greatly missed.

Mario was born on March 25, 1938 to Mario and Pauline De Francesco in Gilroy, California. In 1960, Mario married his loving wife Carolyn Filice on December 4, 1960. Together they raised five children, daughter Michelle, sons Frank, Mario III, Michael, and Christopher.

In 1972, the family relocated to Firebaugh, California in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley agriculture to expand their farming business. With his father and brother, Mario started a food processing business which quickly flourished and became one of the premiere companies in the dehydrated onions and garlic industry. The De Francesco's products were sold in the United States and worldwide.

Mario found his greatest joy in his family and friends. He enjoyed life's simple pleasures, such as cooking and entertaining loved ones in his home.

Mario is survived by his wife, Carolyn, daughter Michelle and her husband Chris Cardella, sons Frank and his wife Sandi, Mario III and his wife Vicki, Michael, and Christopher and his wife Linda. He also leaves behind many grandchildren, their spouses and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in honoring the life of Mr. Mario De Francesco, Jr. His commitment and dedication to farming in California's heartland deserve recognition. We join his family, friends, and members of the community in honoring his great life.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
JAMESTOWN AREA MEALS ON
WHEELS

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of Jamestown Area Meals on Wheels.

The Jamestown Area Meals on Wheels was formed on July 21, 1969 by Rolland Taft, Vaughn Rudy, Harry Bloom and other members of the community. In the past fifty years, the program has served almost five million meals—serving the community each and every day one meal at a time.

Volunteers at Meals on Wheels bring healthy, much needed meals to those who cannot access them otherwise. They give of their time, their energy and their passion to do good in the world. This organization is made up of people who care about those in need—that is what makes them truly successful.

Today, the program delivers meals five days a week and the meals they provide cover seven days' worth of food for their clients. This service has grown from just a few clients in 1969 to many across the Jamestown area in fifty years. I can't wait to see how much of an impact they have in another fifty years.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize Jamestown Area Meals on Wheels on their fiftieth anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRED KELLER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I had to miss votes due to a commitment in Pennsylvania.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 579, Previous Question H. Res. 650; NAY on Roll Call No. 580, Adoption of the Rule Providing for Consideration of H.R. 4617; YEA on Roll Call No. 581, Lesko Amendment No. 2; YEA on Roll Call No. 582, Republican Motion to Recommit; NAY on Roll Call No. 583, Passage of H.R. 4617; and YEA on Roll Call No. 584, H.R. 777.

COMMEMORATING ONE HUNDRED
AND FIFTY YEARS OF COLLEGE
FOOTBALL

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate one-hundred and fifty years of college football. In 1869, Rutgers College, now Rutgers University, won the first college game against the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University, with a score of 6 to 4. Since then, this time-honored game has been woven into the fabric of our nation and the lives of countless Americans. I will always re-

member Saturdays spent at "the Shoe" as a student at The Ohio State University, gleefully cheering on the Buckeyes, and the camaraderie I felt with tens of thousands of fans there.

As our differences are used to divide us, college football allows us to celebrate what unites our nation. We value grit and determination; we believe in teamwork, and in having the will to succeed; we embrace our individual roles to advance an idea or organization that is bigger than us. College football allows us to put aside our differences and rally around a common, unifying cause: victory for our team.

Knowing that nearly five million Americans attended college football games during the 2018 season highlights just how ingrained this game is in today's culture. It makes our communities grow closer and gives each of us a sense of pride that was honed during raucous chants of "O-H-I-O," "Roll Tide," or "Hook 'em, horns."

Beyond the undeniable excitement and sense of community our teams foster every Saturday, it is undisputable that the stories and memories made live on well after the lights have been shut off. Commemorating the memories, from the first game a child attended, bonding with their parents, keeping family tradition alive, to the tailgate where total strangers became lifelong friends—it's easy to see the importance this game has played in our history for over one hundred and fifty years. I am confident that, for the next one-hundred and fifty years, Americans will continue to eagerly await college football season and the excitement, pride, and unity it brings. Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing this milestone for college football.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF JAMES
DOUGLAS COLQUITT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of James Douglas Colquitt, a veteran, a businessman, a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and a champion of the marginalized and underserved.

Born July 21, 1930, to Willie Colquitt and Mary Naomi Brown, James grew up with his brother, Thomas Meeks, in Valley Mills, Texas.

After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Army. His military service allowed him to travel throughout the United States and abroad.

A veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars, James served his country for 20 years with honor and distinction, earning personal decorations and many unit certifications and awards. In 1967, he retired at Fort MacArthur Army Base in San Pedro, California.

He began a second career in aerospace with Hughes Aircraft Division in Fullerton, California. He realized a long-held desire to become a business owner when he opened an automobile tire center in Fullerton. He also owned liquor stores in Santa Ana and Los Angeles, which he operated for more than 20 years.